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SOURCE

1. Forty to fifty Soviets and 110 German workers were employed at the materiel depot in the KETSCHENDORF (N 53/V 33) cable plant at the end of June 1949.
2. The following incoming and outgoing shipments were observed between 22 June and 22 July 1949:
 - 22 June 1949: Sixty mortars were entrained for MUELSBURG (N 53/Z 94).
 - 23 June 1949: Fifty 88-mm antiaircraft gun barrels and fifty 57-mm guns were entrained.
 - 10 July 1949:
 - a. Six antiaircraft guns were entrained for FRANKFURT/Oder (O 53/V 63).
 - b. Fifteen mortars, eight antiaircraft gun barrels and one prime mover were entrained for RATHENOW (N 53/Z 15).
 - 11 July 1949: Five boxes of field glasses and 15 boxes of spare parts for guns arrived from DESSAU (M 52/E 17).
 - 18 July 1949: Thirteen 57-mm antiaircraft guns and ammunition (on 13 railroad cars) were entrained for STRAUSBERG (N 53/V 15).
3. Seventy-two 57-mm antiaircraft guns and eight heavy antiaircraft guns with prime movers were shipped from the KETSCHENDORF cable plant to FRANKFURT/Oder between 17 and 22 July 1949.

 Comment:

- a. The KETSCHENDORF cable plant is known to be a large materiel and ordnance depot from which units of the Soviet occupation forces are supplied.
- b. The observations source made between 22 June and 22 July 1949 are given credence. They represent a cross section of the incoming and outgoing shipments of weapons and materiel.

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